Board of Interpreting Standards Meeting April 7, 2010 12:00 pm-4:00 pm

Attendance

Carrie Westhoelter, Roger Norrod, Stephanie Adams, Carol-lee Aquiline, MJ Herrema Olson, Valeria Vaughn, Deka Oliver (DHHS), Rhonda Marcum (DHHS), and Myron Yoder, Lori Qadir, Bill King (Visitors)

Introductions

The meeting convened at 12:15pm. We began with introductions to our visitors and a special welcome to the three newest board members, Carol-lee, Stephanie and Valeria.

Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the last BIS meeting on November 18, 2009, and approved with no corrections.

Motions

041001 – MJ made the motion, Roger seconded – BIS will look at revising the current law 460IAC 2-3-1. Motion carried.

041002 – MJ made the motion, Carol-lee seconded – Propose to change the current IAC Grandfather section to add a provisional status of five years to Grandfathered IIC holders. Motion carried.

041003 – MJ made the motion, Roger seconded – Amend the BIS policy, dated May 13, 2009) under attendance requirements that BIX members are allowed up to two(2) excused absences per year; excused absences will be determined by the BIS. After two (2) consecutive unexcused absences, BIS members will be asked to step down from the Board. Motion carried.

Report from DHHS

Deka Oliver gave the report from DHHS. First, in regards to the DHHS IIC/EIC Renewal Policy. A loophole has been identified for individuals seeking to obtain a Grandfathered IIC. The original intent was that individuals can apply for the Grandfathered IIC and once approved, earn the required number of CEUs, remain in good standing with DHHS, and maintain certification. However, there have been a few instances where individuals have applied for the Grandfathered IIC, let it lapse, and have contacted DHHS to apply for a second time. Since this was not the original intent of the law, it was proposed that an amendment to the renewal policy be made in order to put a limit on how many times one can apply for the Grandfathered IIC.

The following amendment to the policy was proposed:

"When non-nationally certified IIC interpreter or EIC interpreter allows his or her certificate to lapse, he or she will not be able to renew unless they are nationally certified with a national interpreter organization."

Deka will report the proposed amendment to DHHS for approval.

Second, Deka provided the board with three resumes to consider for the one remaining vacant position on the BIS. The name on each resume was censored in order to direct our focus to choose based on credentials. The board reviewed all three resumes and voted by ballot. The Board voted 5 to 1.

New Business

Carrie gave a brief summary of the BIS Town Hall meetings that were held last October. She also reviewed the BIS response paper with everyone that will be posted on the DCS website. Rhonda will follow up with the webmaster to make sure that information is posted as soon as possible.

After reviewing the BIS response paper, we worked on prioritizing the public comments into developing a plan of action. The following are the top three priorities that were determined:

- 1. Review the IIC Grandfather rule and make any suggestions for proposed revision to the current rule Carrie & Carol-lee
- 2. Review the document listing other State certification and licensure rules and procedures All BIS members
- 3. Meet with SCII and discuss the use of non-IIC interpreters Val

Public Comment

Bill King asked about D.E.A.F. Network and why it has moved from the deaf club to a new location. Carrie responded that she had learned "unofficially" from the community that initially there was uncertainty that GIDC would remain open, and there was perceived conflict having the meetings in a place with a bar.

Myron Yoder asked that BIS/DHHS keep the website updated as that is his main source of information. Myron gave the BIS some very good advice about keeping our focus on "the big picture" and not trying to "put out all the small fires". He encouraged us to look at the changes made today and how they will effect the community five years from now.

Closing

Dates were suggested for our next meeting in May. We tentatively held both May 25th and 28th, 10:00am-4:00pm, pending availability of the new BIS member. Location with be the same, Easter Seals Crossroads fifth floor conference room. Meeting adjourned at 3:58pm.